

1894-99. Large Roman Surcharges.The History of the Issue (Cont'd)

The third consignment of overprinted stamps was made by the Printers on August 4th, 1894, and consisted entirely of Setting B of the 2 Atts. In this Setting the Arabic figures 2 are all alike, and similar to those of Type C of Setting A.

2 Atts, Setting B.

Number printed 100,080 (83 1/4 sheets).

The same General-Setting was used for this Surcharge as for the previous ones, with the necessary alterations. The errors found on previous Settings do not occur in this case, but in adding the 's' of Atts the compositor placed it after instead of in front of the period in two cases, stamps A5 and A7 on the sheet, so that in this case the inscription reads 2 Atts. instead of 2 Atts.

When next used the General-Setting had undergone a remarkable change. The previous consignments had probably exhausted the original order for surcharging, and the forme was consequently broken into as the type was needed. It was still however, sufficiently preserved when further instructions were received to enable it to be used again, though the partial distribution of type necessitated the reduction of the forme to one of 60 stamps instead of a complete sheet.

This remaining portion consisted of the left-hand half of the old General-Setting, (that is, vertical rows 7 to 12) and the sheets were consequently overprinted in two operations. That it was still the old setting in a new guise can, however,